Sl. No.	Physical progress	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Targets for Powerloom Inspections	1,82,280	1,91,387	2,00,949
2.	No. of Powerlooms Inspected	1,88,588	2,14,062	2,00,952
3.	No. of FIRs. Lodged	10	33	35
4.	Convictions	7	10	9

Funds earmarked for Mulberry plantation

4583. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of funds earmarked by the Central Silk Board for the development and improvement of Mulberry plantation in Karnataka during the last three years, ending 31st March, 2007, year-wise, and the extent to which the funds remained unutilised; and

(b) the details of the plan, if any, formulated for the next three years, for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Central Silk Board does into formally earmark funds for particular State. Allocations are made based on the projects received from the States, their viability and the funds available for various schemes. Based on the proposals received from the Karnataka State, during the last three years *i.e.,* 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, CSB has released/spent Rs. 825.38 lakhs, Rs. 1,112.43 lakhs, and Rs. 1,283.09 lakhs, respectively towards implementation of various Schemes/ components under the Catalytic Development Programme.

Karnataka State has utilized the entire funds released by CSB under Catalytic Development Programme during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06. However, the State is yet to furnish the Utilization Certificates for the funds released during the last year of Tenth Plan (2006-07).

(b) The Catalytic Development Programme is proposed to be continued in XI Plan with certain modifications. The components under CDP are beneficial for both existing and new farmers for practicing sericulture. The State department has to identify existing as well as new farmers and offer

the components according to their requirements from out of the basket of components. During XI Plan, the CDP is proposed to be implemented in a package mode mainly under 3 sectors *viz.* Seed, cocoon and post-cocoon sectors supported by the service sector to achieve the targets and the objectives of the XI Plan. For development of mulberry sericulture, there are various components under both cocoon and seed sectors to assist farmers as well as State Govt, for mulberry plantation development, construction of rearing houses, chawkie rearing centres, irrigation and other water conservation and usage techniques, supply of start-up tools to new Seri-farmers, supply rearing appliances/farm equipments to BV farmers, construction of Vermi-compost sheds for Bio-fertilizers, Crop Insurance support, Support for upgrading existing State seed/grainage Units, establishment of large scale Bivoltine Seed production grainages in Public/Pvt. Sector, seed testing facilities for quality seed production (for public/Pvt. Grainages), assistance for mulberry silkworm seed production units (CB/P1/P2 grainages) etc.

Assistance to handicraft producing PSUs in Kerala

4584. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has approached the Centre for assistance to the PSUs in Kerala, whicruare working in the field of handicrafts production and export;

(b) rf so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the decision of the Centre thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Kerala Govemment has not approached the Central Government for the said assistance. How-ever, the Handicraft Development Corporation of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, during 2003-04 had submitted six proposals for base line survey and mobilization of artisans under the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters in various districts and also for renovation of three Emporia. All the proposal were sanctioned during 2003-04.